

# PERSONAL USE FISHERY

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-05-08

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Thursday June 26, 2008

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday June 30, 2008

**Expiration Date:** December 31, 2008, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period June 30 – July 6, 2008. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday June 30 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday July 6.

### REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River area will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday June 30 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday July 6, 2008. Future openings may be increased or decreased by emergency order depending on actual sonar counts at Miles Lake.

Denby S. Lloyd  
Commissioner

by delegation to:

  
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Mark A. Somerville  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

During June 16 – June 22, there were 42,531 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 53,233 salmon, which results in a shortfall of 10,702 salmon. Although actual numbers of salmon past the sonar are below the pre-season projection, Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain the 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 30 – July 6.

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